

Washington, D.C. <sup>to</sup> March 11. 1852.

My Dear Sir.

With a large mail which came back to me from El Paso two days ago, but which would have reached me there, but for great negligence on the part of the postmaster at Santa Fe, I received your letter of Septemr. 11.<sup>th</sup> last.

I hope the 4 packages of plants reached you in safety for you had not received them at the time of writing. If you received them perhaps you have given them an examination. I am to give in a cursory report in a few days to the Department of the Interior, and shall notice the number of new genera, species, &c of animals which were collected under my direction while on the U.S. & Mexican Boundary Commission.



The brief notice of these will be given to me in a short report (not the final report) from Prof<sup>s</sup> Baird & Girard.

I should be glad at the same time to include a similar one from you setting forth the plants that are new that you may have found in those packages, and I will state that the more full descriptions will be a work of more time, provided that be right.

I have for you, on the way, a much larger collection made between El Paso & the Copper Mines of Santa Rita (which is about 180 miles N. N. W. from El Paso) and from thence on a trip about 250 miles south into Sonora, as far as a village called Santa Cruz. I have no doubt among them many new & very

interesting specimens will be found, especially among the grasses. So soon as these arrive I will inform you.

It is my wish, after reserving a full set for the government and one for yourself, that the repetitions or additional similar plants should be for the benefit of Mr. Wright who labored so indefatigably amidst many fatigues and exposures, in adding every thing that labor and attention could find, to the collection. This is but just to him for I was enabled to allow him only \$600 a year and his subsistence and he performs surveying duty &c. when required. I gave him a section of the Rio Grande to survey ~~which~~ after our return from Sonora which he was going on with very satisfactorily when I left El Paso.



I remain, Dear Sir, with great regard  
Yours Most Truly

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